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Dear colleagues,

Here we go with details about **early-American-flavored events** on the program at this October's A.S.A. conference, in Toronto. Please note:

In addition to these panels, the FRIDAY-afternoon **RECEPTION** -- which we're co-sponsoring, off-site, with the Environment and Culture Caucus and with generous financial support this time around from York University's Faculty of Environmental Studies as well as, yet again, from the American Antiquarian Society -- and our brief business meeting midday SATURDAY, there're also individual early-American-flavored papers on other panels (e.g., Cassie Smith's paper on a panel at 8:00 a.m. Saturday; yikes! :). To see the full schedule, visit www.theasa.net and click on the "Search the Program" link; room numbers are there as well as in this year's program booklet.

Won't be long, and, like each of you, I'm

Looking forward,

p.s. thanks, as ever!, to this tireless crew that functions as our Caucus's Working Comm--

Sari Altschuler, Emory U., who has selflessly agreed to serve as our Caucus's co-coordinator!
Katie Brian, Western Washington U.

**Verdie Culbreath, Cornell U.*

Paul Erickson, American Antiquarian Society

**Andrew Inchiosa, U. of Chicago*

Drew Lopenzina, Old Dominion U.


Yrs truly, F.S.U.

**Cassie Smith, U. of Alabama*

Sally Promey, Yale U.

Peter Reed, U. of Mississippi

-- three of whom have each recently and quite selflessly agreed to join this little group. Plus here's a grateful shout-out to our colleague **Karen N. Salt**, of the U. of Aberdeen, for a decade's tireless service on this Working Committee and for having made clear she plans to stay involved in our Caucus's activities, with an eye toward "working on certain things, such as diverse representation in the field." Hear hear!*

Note: an asterisk, like so , designates each of the *eight* sessions that appeared on the ballot we circulated, back in April, in order to choose the *two* that we can have the command module designate as “Sponsored by the Early American Matters Caucus”

FRIDAY, October 9:

8:00-9:45 a.m. **“The Miseries of Reproduction: Intractable Media and American Art of the Long Nineteenth Century”**


Panelists:

Ellery Foutch, Middlebury C., *Chair and Commentator*
Amy Torbert, U. of Delaware
Sarah Beetham, U. of Delaware

8:00-9:45 a.m.  **“Early American Spaces of Misery: The Alienation of Labor and Land in Homes, Cities, Frontiers”**

Panelists:

Teresa Anne Murphy, George Washington U., *Chair*
Miranda Green-Barteet, Western U., Canada
John O’Keefe, Ohio U.-Chillicothe
Laurel Clark Shire, U. of Western Ontario, *session organizer*
Nancy Rhoden, Western U., Canada, *Commentator*

10:00-11:45 a.m.  **“Colloquy with Ed Baptist on The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism”** - -- sponsored by our Caucus

Panelists:

Susanna Ashton, Clemson U.
Ed Baptist, Cornell U., author of the Half Has Never Been Told
Daina Ramey Berry, U. of Texas at Austin
Brigitte Fielder, U. of Wisconsin
D.M., F.S.U., *moderator*
James Stewart, Pennsylvania State U., *emeritus*

12:00-1:45 p.m.  **“Troubling Region: The Problem of Geography in Teaching ‘the Early Americas’”** -- sponsored by our Caucus

Panelists:

Sari Altschuler, Emory U., *Chair and Commentator*
Glenda Goodman, U. of Pennsylvania
Craig Hollander, Princeton U.
Christopher Parsons, Northeastern U.
Peter Reed, U. of Mississippi
Samantha Seeley, U. of Richmond

12:00-1:45 p.m. **“Chinese Railroad Workers in North America: Recovering the Production of Misery and Ways of Resistance”**

Panelists:

Shelley Fisher Fishkin, Stanford U., *Chair*
 Barbara Voss, Stanford U.
 John Molenda, Columbia U.
 Ryan Kennedy, Indiana State U.
 Hsinya Huang, National Sun Yat-sen U.
 Jeanne Pfaelzer, U. of Delaware
 Beth Lew-Williams, Princeton U.
 I-Ping Liang, National Taiwan U.
 Pin-Chia Feng, National Chiao Tung U.
 Hilton Obenzinger, Stanford U.

2:00-3:45 p.m. * **“Queer Misery: Queer Lives, Queer Texts and Producing the Possible in Early America”**

Panelists:

Jillian Sayre, Rutgers U., Camden, *Chair and Commentator*
 Benjamin Bascom, U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 Danielle Skeehan, Oberlin C.
 Marcia D. Nichols, U. of Minnesota, Rochester, *session organizer*

4:00-5:45 p.m. * **“Early Environmentalisms”**

Panelists:

Lynn Wardley, San Francisco State U., *Chair and Commentator*
 Greta Lynn LaFleur, Yale U., *session organizer*
 Morgan Vanek, U. of Toronto
 Kyla Schuller, Rutgers U., New Brunswick/Piscataway
 Benjamin Kahan, Louisiana State U.

4:00-5:45 p.m. * **“Resistance and Resilience in Native America”**

Panelists:

Robin D. G. Kelley UCLA, *Chair*
 Emily Jane McGillivray, U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor
 Yael Ben-zvi, Ben-Gurion U., Israel
 Mathilde Roza, Radboud U. Nijmegen, Netherlands
 William Bryan Hart, Middlebury C.

4:30-6:30 p.m. *Ta-da!* ***Reception / Cash Bar*** *Again this year, Paul Erickson has arranged for the American Antiquarian Society to be a major underwriter – and this year our pals in the A.S.A.’s Environment + Culture Caucus have gotten York University’s Faculty of Environmental Studies to co-sponsor this year’s event quite generously! Which is to say please join us at Epicure (502 Queen St W, <http://www.theepicure.ca/>).*

FYI:

7:00- 8:00 p.m. the A.S.A.’s annual Awards Ceremony
 8:30- 9:30 p.m. the A.S.A.’s annual Presidential Address
 9:30-10:30 p.m. the A.S.A.’s annual President’s Reception ***hey!, by registering for this conference we’ve already paid for the goodies -- yum!***

SATURDAY. October 10:

8:00-9:45 a.m. “Early American Matters Caucus’s Business Meeting”

***NOPE:** we’ve **rescheduled** it for midday today, so do watch our Facebook page for more particulars – and you *have* Liked that page, right?*

11:30 a.m.-12:30 “Early American Matters Caucus’s Business Meeting”

For LOCATION, please check bulletin boards at the Sheraton AND, of course, our Facebook page!

*Please do join us in looking ahead to the **next A.S.A., Nov. 17-20 '016 in Denver**. Let’s continue encouraging one another to turn in substantive, interesting, dynamic early-American-flavored proposals, for papers as well as for panels; let’s remind ourselves of the value of including “Early American” as one of the keywords we get to attach to a proposal. Deadlines and so on will be in this year’s program booklet and at theasa.net and in the occasional message via Fb and our Caucus’s e-mail listserv.*

2:00-3:45 p.m. * “Re(Productions of Early America in the Reader’s Mind: Imagining Ambivalent Beginnings”

Panelists:

Silvia Schultermandl, U. of Graz, Austria, *Chair and session organizer*

Alexander Ganser, U. of Vienna, Austria

Tegan Zimmerman, MacEwan U., Canada

Martina Koegler-Abdi, U. of Copenhagen, Denmark

SUNDAY. October 11:

12:00-1:45 p.m. * “Slavery: Agency, Respectability and the Material”

Panelists:

Heidi Ardizzone, Saint Louis U., *Chair*

Sam Tenorio, Northwestern U.

Adam Lewis, Boston C.

Savannah Shange, U. of Pennsylvania

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